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TO: Washington State Board of Health Members

FROM: Dr. Kim Marie Thorburn, Chair

SUBJECT: CRITERIA FOR MANDATED VACCINES FOR CHILDCARE CENTER AND/OR SCHOOL ENTRY (WAC 246-100-166)

Summary

In June 2004, the State Board of Health gave notice that it was considering establishing criteria to evaluate vaccines and determine which should be required for school and/or childcare entry (and included in WAC 246-100-166). In December 2005, it established an Immunization Advisory Committee (IAC) to recommend criteria to the Board and potentially to apply those criteria to determine whether specific vaccines should be required for childcare center and/or school entry. The IAC met three times and developed two assumptions, nine criteria and process recommendations for evaluating vaccines that are candidates for school and/or childcare mandates. Attached is a report describing the purpose of the IAC; who participated; the process it followed to develop its recommendations; the philosophical framework the IAC adopted for its deliberations; and descriptions of the two assumptions and nine criteria for evaluating antigens.

Today I would like to take you through the final report. I invited Dr. Ed Marcuse and Dr. Doug Diekema, who were both members of the IAC, to join me, along with Dr. Jo Hoffman, state infectious disease epidemiologist at the Department of Health (DOH). None of them were able to attend but they graciously gave me permission to use their slides to help explain the thinking behind the IAC recommendations.

Also attached is a letter from DOH Assistant Secretary Patty Hayes asking the Board to delay adoption of the report and its criteria while it considers modifications to the IAC recommendations.

Recommended Board Action

After discussing the attached documents, the Board may choose to consider, amend if necessary, and adopt the following motion:

Motion: The Board approves the recommendations laid out in the final report from the Immunization Advisory Committee for mandating vaccines pertaining to WAC 246-100-166.